



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Serial No. 10/543,004 Confirmation No. 2440  
Applicant: RUAT, et al.  
Title: **NOVEL USE OF MIFEPRISTONE AND DERIVATIVES  
THEREFOR AS HEDGEHOG PROTEIN SIGNALING  
PATHWAY MODULATORS AND APPLICATIONS OF SAME**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of December 22, 2009, Applicants preliminarily amend the claims and offer remarks in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination filed forthwith. The amendments and remarks are as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.